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FUNCTIONS OF AGRICULTURE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authoriy(APEDA);

(b) the details of its branches, location-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the extent of its contribution in promoting exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is engaged on development and promotion of exports of certain scheduled agriculture and processed food products like fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, dairy, cocoa etc specified in the APEDA Act 1985. To this end it is involved in:

(i) development of industries relating to the scheduled products for export by way of providing financial assistance or otherwise;

(ii) registration of exporters of the scheduled products;

(iii) fixing of standards and specifications for export of scheduled products;

(iv) inspection of meat and meat products;

(v) improving packaging of scheduled products and their marketing abroad;

(vi) promotion of export oriented production of the Scheduled products;

(vii) collection of statistics from factories or establishments engaged on production, processing etc of scheduled products and the publication of the same;

(viii)training in various aspects of the industries connected with the Scheduled products, other matters as may be prescribed.

(b) APEDA has its Head office in New Delhi and has regional offices at Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Guwahati.

(c) APEDA is contributing to the efforts to enhance export of agricultural and processed foods through setting up of infrastructure projects like centers of perishable cargo at international airports, wholesale market cum auction centers, common infrastructure facilities for handling fresh fruits and vegetables etc. It is also involved in development and implementation of residue monitoring for grapes, groundnuts and other products. It has assisted setting up of laboratories, pack-houses and market access initiatives for export of horticulture products to Japan, China and other countries.